THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). The payment of PF, wages and other benefits are regulated by the relevant statutes which provide for suitable remedial action in case of defaults in payment by the employers. The complaints, as and when received, are brought to the notice of appropriate authorities for remedial action.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Industries in Himachal Pradesh

1174. SHRI D. D. KHANORIA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small, medium and heavy industries set up in the public sector in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh have submitted any proposal to make available the required power at cheaper rates and funds to install such industries; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Nil.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Assistance to Coal and Lignite Projects

1175. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the German financing agency KFW is providing Financial assistance for different coal and lignite projects;

(b) if so, the quantum of assistance forthcoming there from to the open cast mining project at Ramagundam of Singareni Collieries in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the terms and conditions thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The quantum of assistance for Ramagundam II Opencast Project of Singareni Collieries is DMs 172.388 million equivalent to Rs. 263.75 crores at the present exchange rate.

(c) The broad terms and conditions for assistance for Ramagundam II Opencast Project are as under:-

1.	Amount of Credit	DMs 172.388 million in two equal portions of DMs 86.194 million.
2.	Rate of interest	The composite interest rate for the loan as a whole not to exceed 2.1% per annum.
3.	Repayment	Portion I. In 77 Semi-annual instalments (in DMs) commencing June 30, 2003 A.D. Portion II; In 20 equal consecutive semi-annual instalments (in DMs) commencing December 31, 1993 A.D.
4.	Final Maturity	Portion-I June 30, 2039 A.D. Portion-II June 30, 2003 A.D.